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Sunday Jan 5, '07

Dear Friends, Our hearts
were gladdened by
your Christmas remem-
brances and we ^{have} thought
of you many times dur-
ing the holidays, won-
dering whether you are
back in our beloved
Ithaca yet or not.

It was a godsend to
us to see the Comstocks.
They came down ^{on} Thursday
night and sailed the
next Saturday morning.
Friday we spent in
town with them running
errands and Friday night
we had planned to

do nothing but hold hands and love, but the ever blessed Madame, of course, invited Archie Gilbert out and he loyally responded; so we didn't have good old time rooble after all. The Fesser was dead tired after his day's errands and the Madame was worried about trunks that hadn't come. Professor fought valiantly against sleepiness and held Florence Slater's hand behind the desk so Archie wouldn't be shocked and Archie stayed and stayed and always did keep on staying. The next morning at 7⁰⁰ I saw

the Fessers coat-tails scooting out the front door and I hear the Madame's anxious voice saying a last word about trunks, but all the same, we didn't have time loving I want to tell you even if we did have to do it on the run, in the Subway, on the trains, at the North German Lloyd, on the ferries at Cetry. There was a good crowd to see them off and oh-dear, it stirred up our feelings a whole lot. Gee! I never realized before what exiles in a strange land we are. Our tendrils were just naturally made to twine about Ithaca and the Ithacans.

Come and see no dear
ones and let's ~~at~~ have a
grand combination Baby
Show, Talk Fest, Trip to
the Hippodrome, Visit
to the Zoo, Kladderadatch
at the Aquarium, grand
reunion dinner with
many Nick, Flo Slater
and all such old trumps
as those and never do a
thing but just have
fun. Some time. Clara
Myers. What do you
say?

Happy New Year
from all of us to all of
you. With love from
Nicholas Miller
Uncle! Bill
Mark

*
Kisses for
* Mame
Louise

perfectly satisfied but feeling
no nervous & badly, don't
think I have recovered my
equilibrium yet, feel very
nervous this morning.
I must get to work
on my tea cakes, this
evening I was out, with
much love to you all &
Kisses to Lizzie
Your devoted
Mother.

Jan 7th 1907.

I hope you are having as mild a
spell of weather as we are, it is so nice not
to need fire except early in the morning & at
night. We have had so much mild weather
I begin to think we will have no winter. There
is a heavy fog this morning but when that is
over I hope to see the sun, if so I must make
some tea cakes for Mrs Wren & take them to
her tomorrow, spending the day & night. She is
so lovely, only the cook sits by at night. It
will be a race to get to Gallatin in time now,
the morning's train comes at 8.40 & the
12.30 an hour later, so that will give us a
very short time in Denpols when we want
to run in. I was thinking this morning what
sad memories for Mrs Wren in that old house!
No less than six of the family have died

there, some one in every room in the house but the parlor.

Now I must thank you for your very interesting letter telling of the 4 ones. I am so glad Lizzie was able to enjoy the tree in a measure, how I would like to have seen her when she had her first sight of it! The expectations hall was a nice place for it as she was sick. She certainly had a number of presents, will need a "dress drawer" as the Ashburn children have it -

I think you & Maria were well remembered too, that aluminum set I know is pretty & will be as useful, as well as other presents. Tell Maria I am expecting to hear from her of that dining, she is a great hand for dinings. The new cook must do well or Maria would not have made such preparations. I hope all the guests were present & that you had "a good time". Speaking of cooks, mine is doing very well as far. I am so glad to be out of the kitchen but the worst of it is she can stay only 2 months,

I hardly know which is worse, to cook in cold or in hot weather.

I saw Dr. Will Barwood yesterday evening, they want to sell their land for a division, but there seems no demand for these lands now with labor so scarce. I don't suppose they would sell the home place; they may have to pay Orr Powell off in land, have never had a settlement with him for work & I understand owe him a good deal.

Reuben dined with us Saturday, I gave him the cravat you sent, he asked me please to thank you for it; it comes in nicely. He has made an arrangement for business yet. I think he has sold some hundreds of acres going back & forth to Newbern, Uniontown, Danapolis, & other places, came here from Mrs. Will Mansfield, & that evening went to Mitchell to ride over the place & point out to Mr. Avery land for him to cultivate. I asked him where he is staying now, his reply was "in the big wood" his goods &

chutels" are still at the Harris place. From
R's account the fleet is not getting anything
done in the way of fixing cabins & getting hands.
I have not had a line from Wave, not even a
4 lines or New Year's greeting. Mrs Hatch told me
something about a Dr. or Mr. Manly from
Columbia who wanted to see Minnie, I wonder
if he is the one I met at your house. I think
Minnie was in Mobile. You did not send him
fortune hunting did you?

Friday evening your Father & myself drove up to
Mrs Joe Collins' hoping to find Lizzie there but
she had gone, we then went to "Mr John
Watters" were out as late in the night air
that I had a return of neuralgia & tooth ache
before reaching home. I suffered intensely, used
Champhs Phenique, took a head ache powder, at
last a dose of chloroform, covered up head &
all & was soon asleep, awoke in an hour

Jan 7, 1867

the woods & do what ought to be done for them; & you will never see a hair of them again, & nobody will know who does it. "If they dont have a spirit sent to try them soon some troubles may come yet. I tell you it makes us all feel uneasy, the young negroes seem to have made up their minds to live by stealing & not by work, no telling who they may kill next."

I dont think I have written since we spent the day with sister Sally last week, met Eliza there, she looks as well. Maria & was with her, she is looking very badly. Lucy has returned from Savannah, says her throat is much benefited by the treatment. Of course I saw Benny & Lucy in Framedale, he is not at all well, went to Helena last week to consult Dr. De Woe about himself. I am very much afraid his case will be similar to John's. He & Lucy

live near Dayton he attends to a
plantation for a syndicate. Auburn was
well yesterday, quite well. I have not
heard from Henry in a month, he did not
neglect me that way before he was married.
I have heard recently from Wm, he has
lost pneumonia since his return from the
Hot Springs, & Fred had it in his neck &
shoulder when in Washington, he was there
5 days, all well at his home. Fannie will
spend 4 years with Rich, I will claim
some of his time. Fred wants us to go to
Auburn for 4 years but I have not an idea
that we will go. It is late & I have written
a long letter & will say good night, hope
you will not make it as long before you write
again. Kiss the children for me, much
love to you all. Please excuse this scribble,
I find no more like the large sheet & took
this. Your loving
Mother.

Blossoms adhered to Jan. 7th, 1907 letter



From Mrs. J. D. Richardson
I congratulate you that you
will be blessed with a little
"Benoni" in June. I think
you must have followed
my advice as you are so
certain it will be a long
time. You must not
over-fatigue yourself &
let nothing trouble you so that

The little Boy will be all night of beautiful Kid Gloves, I
The matter is so wild & funny with I could have enjoyed
that while I write I am enjoying your fine dinner with
ing a cup of hot Tea, "Papa" got you are, the nurses see they
me some delightful tea in the m. Lamb on table, my Park
Some, also some Albert crackers, Ham & Chicken or Turkey
"Short cake" "Canned Salmon" & sometimes Rabbit & Squid
& Shrimp, Potatoes, cheese, etc., etc., I keep my own as I
so that while the children have a plenty of cream milk
canned "Col. chocolates" "Soft Cereals" twice a day, "Papa"
one - I have been having, says the "Columbia" claim
a good time besides having belongs to the "Sapphire" Trust,
an egg-nogg with "Papa" at in which you & Ben are
an "Night Cap". Yesterday. In fact I am so thankful
that my "little Boy" & I not forget it will again & it
remembered also, with a deal of pleasure with the Doll;
Whe' from there & a face. Well he many times for me.

I thought Ben wanted only
one Boty, & that Louise had
refused him. What a nice
present Charles sent you.
I am always pleased to know
my sons are generous to their
father. Charles gave Agnes
45.00 when he married her.
There seemed some hands
some presents from Charles
relatives, but oh! the dear
child had too much kindness
work & it will wear out
his generous system at last.
I am still busy, embroidering
Aunt Lucia's & Henry's quilt.
Kilts & green cases & auditors

to move his things down &
they may be heavy to haul
them to Union bridge or just
off. I don't know whether
I mentioned to Ned that
Katie bally lost her
first savings box,
that one they took side, or
drives people. I am to
say for them, boxes not
me any more times. When
I was interrupted so often
I really know what I
have written, one step
was to get off or taking
a basket of eggs to town to
be sold. Still not mind
that, as much as I don't
tried keeping the turkey

I was delighted to have your
interesting letter last night & as Dr D- says
he wants to write you about Louisa I will
put my letter with his. How distressed I am
that our dear little girl is having fever
again, it is a blessed thing she suffers no
pain but I reckon it makes confinement to
bed harder to bear than if she felt sick.
Dr D- is mighty good on fevers & I do hope
he can suggest some thing to relieve her.
Our light diet she will get thin but I
believe that is considered the great thing in
fevers these days. When I was a child & had
typhoid fever, I lived two weeks on 3 table
spoonsful of gum arabic water a day, (it
seems hard to believe) was not even given
milk as they do now. I sincerely hope by the

time this reaches you she may be free of
fever. I know how conspiring it is to you be
with her as much but we cant blame her
for wanting some one with her all the time,
some grown folks are the same way. When
Johnny was sick some little time ago he
made every body in the house sit up with him,
wanted them right at his bed side, not by
the fire, it is well there are not many Johnnies
in that way, but he is a very good man in
many respects.

Now about your dinner, it certainly was a
fine one, dont ever say again "Mother has as
much," none of any dinners ever equalled that.
The dining room must have been beautiful,
how I would have enjoyed a peep at the
scene! it was gay I know. Yes, I think one
such dinner a year will be as much as you
strength will stand. I am glad you liked
the little games things, I thought them handsomely
worth sending. Ben wrote one of your pretty

& useful presents. I will have to give a
dinner to show my table out fit, but I dont
know when I would find a cook & as much
waiter. My last years cook went down to Mrs
Beasley, by the way - she came not long ago
to see us & brought the baby that weighed 3
lbs when born, he is a big, fat, boy now, I
could hardly believe it is the same one.

I am surprised to hear about Mrs Horton,
this is the first as with?

Last Tuesday I went to Minnetonka, spent the
day & night with Mrs Wren, the poor old lady
stays there with only the cook, she is very
sensible, but exp. She expects to sell her place
& live on the interest of the money. (Ben will
be interested to know) I fear she will have
trouble getting a place to board, few persons
are so situated these times that they can
have an infirm old person waited on.
I found Dr D very complaining on my return.
when we came home he exhibited the horse

1608 Locust St. Dec 11/12 '07
My dear Maria

Martin very much you has dictated
the enclosed letter which he got me to write for
him. he has the opportunity of his life before
him for the United States of the Embassy
& the the Memorial Society has agreed to
give a fund for him in which he will
be the star. he plays beautifully on the
Piano and doubt he will get ahead.
I would help the dear boy with out his asking
and of any of his Manuscripts but at the
present I am unable as I have just begun
to try & make a new start in office. has
his bones broken since & the family to let
after in Ashville.

Ashville is too Consumptive & place he used to
write anything at his ~~time~~ & too small
for Martin's needs - there I am here.

When I get the family here & find you cannot
come I am at any time & visit you. Love to them
hope to meet him some day and I am sure
seen by you. With love

Your affec^d son & uncle A. S. East

1604 Locust St. St Louis Mo Jan 12 '07.

My dear Cousin Marie

Doubtless you may be surprised when you see this letter & find it is from one whom you have never seen. Except whom I could see you at that time when we were both children in Illinois and you may be surprised to learn that I am in St. Louis but here I am, for the purpose of trying to make my living independent of my parents who are growing old - I found that Ashville was too small a place for me to develop what talents I may have in Music & I got Papa to come with me to St. Louis which we did three weeks ago. He & went up his life has been here & I got a position in a Piano Store where I could. It has been suggested that I give a Piano Concert & Father wanted the aid of the U. D. in St. Louis who has agreed to bring me out with Father - we dividing the net profit ^{the U. D. among us} - the tickets will be at 10¢ each other Hall will cost about \$1000

Jan 12, 1909

As that I will hope to realize about 300.⁰⁰ as
 my share of the profits - To enable that
 I present my self before a cultured & critical
 audience I am going to need 50.⁰⁰ and
 I have conceived the idea of turning that out
 of money from 5 of my most generous friends
 in sums of 10.⁰⁰ each and dear Maria you
 are one of the 5 whom if you can stress
 from me will be among my 5 Benefactors -
 for my start in life - If the Press give
 me favorable reception I will feel assured
 that my future success in life will be pretty
 well assured. I am not offering this as a
 gift dear Anna, but only as a loan until
 my next Comm. (and in February (next month))
 when I will return it to you with a thousand
 thanks. Mother & Ben & Maria are the
 only ones at home in Asheville now and they
 will come here when Papa makes his stand
 here. Now that we are in the same state
 I hope you & Carrie Ben & the Baby will visit
 us when we get fixed.

Wishing you much happiness in the New
 Year - I am your affectionate Cousin

Edw. Martin Guernsey.

handling milk, I think it
best that you all should drink
the distilled water. We drink
very little water here as it has
so much lime, ^{but} the milk three
times a day. Mr. Louise has
these continued attacks of fever
his system will be undermined
& the cure must be through the
cause, that to be eradicated.
Look also into the milk, &
handle it yourself. Mrs. Dyer
our landlady sends the milk
to market but whole-some all
the time as the milk must be
boiled & mixed with the sugar,

Scalding. The thump I feared
for you was simply this. I
washed the thump, washed
them in milk a little of milk, added
butter & a good little spoonful of
half a slice of annular bread
a pinch of mustard a little black
pepper & salt if necessary. also
a half cup of milk milk
or more. They are now fixed
this way & baked in a Frank
dish in the oven. You
have not forgotten. The in-
gredients for colds. give each
day 8 eggs, a teaspoonful
of each ingredient at the dose

for a given person. A few
Acres only for an infant.
We are expecting Willie & some
of his friends to visit us soon
& who will look after the Wake
forms: I am in hopes of seeing
Charlie sometime this Spring.
My Brother Benny is moving
his family back to St Louis.
he is there now taking hold
of a good Insurance Company.
Mumme & Benmie will join
Madden & himself April 1st. I
am glad of the move as I am
not far from St Louis & can
visit them & also see Charlie.
So write to Kate; Darling the

Mountain Home, Baxter Co. Ark
Jan 25, 1907

My dear Ben:

I write to inform you that I have just found an "Ideal" piece of government land here with a beautiful river bank along its front for half a mile, & a cedar grove behind & above on it. The cedar alone is worth 2000 dollars. It has caves & water falls & lots of rich bottom land already cleared.

I have just Homesteaded the adjoining tract. If you can get yours on the same terms. Fees for taking out a Homestead are only 13⁰⁰ dollars. You enter into possession at any time within 6 months. You can do so in ~~May~~ June, July, August. Then you can come back for a few days at

Thanksgiving & two or three weeks before
Christmas & Easter of next
year. You can get your patent from
the Government by paying \$1 ²⁵/₁₀₀ per
acre & you need not take more than
40 acres at whole cost of \$50 dollars.

I will be nearly all the time on my
own homestead building my ^{Bungalow}
on my line & your log house for a farmer
to stay in on your line. I will pay half
expense, the crop made will pay us
both out the first year. I will super-
intend the work I make it. You sell
5 or 6 lots to friends like Mr. Miller & so
make money. We will both have beautiful
places. I will gladly buy the place
from ^{you} as soon as you have the patent
if you wish to sell. I thought this
piece of land was included in
my homestead, but they would not give so much

Jan 25, 1907

Neither would the officers let me buy it at any price. The only way is to have some one else Homestead it. & there is no one I would like in all the world as much as you & Marie.

As soon as it is known to be open other will be after it.

If you could leave for four days you could come down it & Homestead it & I will do all the rest. But if you cannot come telegraph right message, send telegram if you are, or are not coming to me at Mountain Home via Cothan, & it will reach me.

Your Mother & myself are both getting along although she suffers from rheumatism. In about 6 weeks we will go to Hot Springs & try to cure her.

We both are much troubled about little Louise. Be careful of the water she drinks. I fear that of the milk. She was so hearty when I was there that I can hardly think her sick.

The "Ladys" joins me in Love & Kisses
to Marie Louise & yourself & remain
and ever your affectionate
Daddy.

Copy of letter from Grandfather Robertson (J. D. Robertson)
Copied by Mrs. J. F. Adams

Mountain Home,
Baxter County, Ark.
Jan. 25, 1907

My dear Ben,

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and make it. You sell 5 or 6 lots to friends like Mrs. Miller & so make money. We will both have beautiful places. I will gladly buy the place from you as soon as you have the patent if you wish to sell. I thought this piece of land was included in my homestead, but they would not give so much, neither would the officers let me buy it at any price. The only way is to have someone else Homestead it, & there is no one I would like in all the world so much as you & Marie.

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We both are much troubled about little Louis. Be careful of the water she drinks. Fear that of the milk. She was so ^{healthy} ~~healthy~~ when I was there that I can hardly think her sick.

The "Lady" joins me in love & kisses to Marie, Louise & yourself & I remain as ever
your affectionate
Daddy.

Durham N.H.
Jan. 26 1887

My darling Papa & Mamma
There is a
dance at the College tonight
but for a wonder I am
not one of the happy crowd
for I am not feeling like
tripping the light fantastic
Rhoda will Charlie
and I represent the
Family. Annie & Lottie

& his friends are
playing whist - & the two
youngest - are in the bath
tub! Only wish that Louisa
was at home but if she
were she would be at the
dance.

Spent yesterday morning
at the Dentists and in
all my experience I never
suffered as with a tooth
as I did then. He filled
five and I had a nervous
collapse and it - used me

of constancy. I wish I was all around
the place to go again on the night
th. I was so glad to get the news
that you had left and to hear
of your health & happiness in that
fine old Arkansas every day
I wish I was in your company
for me & the present. I will be
happy to see you in the present
& I have put it safely away.

had a letter the other
day from a Mr. Lambton of
Bluffton asking me how
much he would take for
my lot - & he said that
J. S. Hayward had told
him that his parties
were paying taxes on the
same lot. Chas. wrote to
him about it - & told him
that I would not take
less than five hundred
for it. For it was the
last vacant lot on the
Bluff, etc. He wrote to me.

Mr. L. J. about the ^{Jan 20 1907} oyster
shell affair - he wrote
that he would see that it
was stopped. Many thanks
for letting me know about
it. The dear little gown
you made for me darling
Mamma is a beauty - and
I will use it with much
pleasure when here
my chafing dish at our
little card parties. I value
every stitch that your dear
fingers put in it for me.

many, many thanks dear-
for all your love & the pretty
things you are constantly
making for me.

Charlie enjoyed your letter
with me Daddy darling
& he was much interested
in the drawing you made
of the river & the coasted
of the water power. He
said he wished he could
take a trip out to Mountain
Home twice for both & the
country. - We have selected a
pretty spot for your Bungalow

I want very soon in it to erect
the new shop you wish - & to
housekeeping although until you are
settled around. - We don't give
me and go out what it is ready
up to be, have all ready & have
a couple of 1/2, spiral binding
place. As fast as I can I am
feeling well but when you feel like
taking days every 2 hours to put up -
unwell day is hard I have it -
and it -

by had about from Thel
Lynah? I am thankful
that cousin Alice has
shared anything like this.
Will he get of Scotty free?
Thank you dear Grandma
for sending me Aunt Kate's
letter to read. Also the
clippings about Bluffton. I do
hope things will develop
down there.

About ten days ago received
a letter from Maister
Guernard (written by Uncle
Ben) letting of their move to
H. House and asking me to

and him ten dollars ^{Jan 24 1877}
help him get up a concert
to advertise his playing as
that he could get work etc.
could not do anything else
but let him have the
money which was hard
for me to spare for I must
live over it again.
It was Chas. Jones present
to me as I happened to
have the check on hand.
The next time I saw
any money I am going to
run & spend it quick.
I do hope though that the

poor fellow will succeed.
This going home pillar to
post is kind of hard
for Uncle Ben. at his time
of life. I thought they were
completely settled in Ashville
& now comes this move to
St Louis. Suppose Martin
wrote to Willie also for he
said he was going to ask
him of his relations to help
him.

Am going to Boston
Tuesday morning to attend
a lasted, given to the Good
Hampshire Charcoal Dances

Have of the Boston members there
Bernard will visit me at Newmarket
and we are sure that I shall receive
a letter from him with a copy of
Charles's friends that night. Thank.

we will have a very pleasant time
but I will have to write the boarding
post every thing ready as that I can
have home for the day to a night. Oh.

Am going to this time if I will
thence. not to the any of the day. The
very time go to Boston with me. 1872

a more. I will have to buy my ^{own} sheet.
Charlie cut the notice of
F. J. Knowes death out of the
Boston paper some time
ago & asked me to send
it to you ^{for} a bit but I put
it away & forgot it. I think
you should have seen it
before this.

Our friend Mr. Kesbit has
another son about two weeks
old. This is their fifth child
& fourth boy. There are
four more infants coming
to birth during the year that
I know of but they will all
belong to the new members of

the College faculty. Jan 26.
1907
Mrs. Mary Daniels has.
Wellen are just the same
as ever. I do not see them
often but they are always
glad to see me when I
get a chance to call. We
have been having such
wonderful weather lately that
I do not put my head out
of the door if I can help it.
Two days ago the temperature
was 82 below zero on our
piazza. The coldest weather
I can remember in Durham

and we have had much
more.

This morning one of the
big cotton mills in Dover
was burned down & several
lives were lost & many
people hurt. This puts about
five hundred people out
of work & it is terrible at
this time of the year when
every thing is so high in the
land of the world.

The young people hear
him and are making such
a noise that scarcely know

what I have written & my heart
is still so angry from the work that
my writing flows like fire & scatters
as if you can read this long rant
even all mistakes

But a heart once ^{with} flaming the

heart of humanity's death in the
whole world & will - one from above &
the other - one from above

As before it is summer in California the trees
are so glad that will in spring & you can see

Jan 28th 1906.

My dear Son

I was much pleased to have your letter Saturday night I think it was, I was a little afraid Louise was sick again, am so glad she is well & in good spirits, I can well imagine how she keeps you amused with her originality. I wish I could have the benefit of it sometimes, it is so entertaining to be with a smart, good child as she is.

Why! what a time you had with the weather, we see accounts of the terrible cold & scarcity of fuel in the west. I often think how blessed we have been, almost no bad weather, plenty of fuel, & plenty to eat, & a cook!

This is the coldest day of the season, the ground was hard frozen this morning but the sun is bright & warm. Yesterday was not quite so cold but a more unpleasant day. Saturday was

cold & cloudy, rain in the afternoon brought
this cold change. I keep busy attending to the
house work & fowl, smoking Reuben's meat &
looking after the old man who comes to attend
to the sick horse, getting medicine fixed for him
&c. Reuben came from the Harris place Monday,
his horse was sick so he stopped here & was
cured as usual Friday. It is the new horse I
bought (through Uncle Ben) for his use. We
thought he had lock jaw & would die, but he
is much better now, eating well & walking better,
he was as stiff & weak & would not eat for
several days, just pick a little. Reuben got a
horse & went to Leesville Friday & Mounttown
Saturday, learned from the driver, men that
their horses were affected in the same way
they give timotee & hay Cornmeal, while he was
gone I suggested giving powdered "Maz" in meal,
your Father approved & I gave it, & we hit
upon the right thing & he is improving but I
fear he will not be fit to ride in some time.
This wants Reuben to help him in ~~feeding~~

grazing some land, he can't see the figures
but this will do that & Reuben carry the sod.
I am very much afraid his eyes will suffer
but he wants to be doing some thing. All his
belongings have been taken to Milledale. He
came home last night & has gone up there
today to take back the horse & get some clothes.
It would have been a good plan for him to
have stopped his trunks here & I could have
put his clothes in order. Mr Avery has sent
some of Milledale land & we had to go up
& crowd that plunder into our room, to let
him have a room, it took us all day because
after cleaning out that room, all Reuben's
things had to be stored away in his room &
the hall & locked up. One of your Father's
notions to do that, & keep Mr Avery from passing
through the hall, he has to go in & out through
the back dining room door. He won't do as
other people do & let Reuben have the disposal
of the rooms in the house he has rented. I
wish he had some idea of justice —

them. I have not
heard from Paula
John, and afraid
this cold weather
is bad for him, we
want to go to see him
when the weather
moderates some & to
drive with us.
Please excuse this
disconnected letter
I have stopped so
often. With much
love to you all & a
kind to Louis
Your devoted
Mother.

Now let me tell you something funny.
My neighbor (Miss Lou) sent Susan (the cook)
over to tell me that she will be married
Wednesday week, of course you will guess Mr
Powell is the man, he has patiently waited
many a year & I am glad they are to be married.
I thought she did not care for him but I was
mistaken, Mrs Browdie's opposition was the cause
of the delay. They are to be married in the
morning, have a dinner (family) & leave at
night for N O. The idea of Mr Powell, on a
bridal trip. I am requested to stuff the ham
for ^{the} dinner. We must order a present tonight.
Every one is astonished.

I have no news from any of the boys. Wade
must be fegen up & the others busy. I expect
Henry is interested in the work at the
Cumberland place & spends his spare time

Blossom adhered to Jan. 28th, 1907 letter.



My dear cousin Marie:

I truly hope that your little girl is well again.

Be sure and let us know of Charlie's address in St. Louis
find it out for we would like to see him very much.

With dear love from Papa and myself your affectionate cousin
Martin Guerard.

St Louis Post Dispatch May 11. 1907

Gerhard Conert.

The benefit concert given Thursday evening for A. Martin Guerard, a blind youth, by the Confederate Memorial Society, was a success both financially and artistically.

An excellent program was given by representatives of the best amateur talent in the city. Idealists were: those who gave selections were: Mr. John Fichan, Mrs. Max Kaufmann, Miss Grace McCallough, Mrs. Andrews, Margaret McElroy, Mr. Albert B. Chaspe, and Mrs. Julie McCalland. Mrs. Chapoll was to have sung Gounod's "Kiss from Romeo o Giulietta," but substituted "Strengthened," by Miss Paula Janowski, for the latter composition.

Mr. St. Louis Wood gave an interpretation of the number, a parody on the balcony scene from Romeo and Juliet. Miss Madeline Williams gave a reading in bookkeeping entitled, "Old Towns." Mr. Herbert East, who was to have given a monologue in costume was ill. Young Mr. Quierard gave two numbers, each time responding to an score. His second score selection was Mendelssohn's "Spring Song."

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To Maria, Columbia, Mo.

pm 12:00:00

Feb 1st 1907.

Dearest Maria

It is now 4:00 clock just 2 hours since we returned from a sad trip to Vinwood, my dear brother has gone, & so suddenly, all day Tuesday he seemed unusually well, was out most of the day interesting himself with the garden & other things, at 4:00 clock Wednesday morning he passed away so peacefully & quietly. A telephone message was sent out but received too late to go over on the morning train, then we sat in & I could not go on the 4:00 clock train, oh! how I longed to be with them all! Yesterday Dr D. took me down in the buggy & we were there several hours before the service which took place at the house at 3:00 clock. Oh, how natural he looked, I could hardly believe it

was his lifeless body & was sitting by, his expression
was so calm & sweet, just as if he were in a sweet
sleep. He was put in St Nicholas' cemetery, & covered with
the most beautiful flowers, all sorts of lovely designs
sent by friends & relatives, & I never saw such a procession
in the country before. I think the carriages & our riders must
have reached a third of the way from his home to the
cemetery. Poor Susan seemed crushed & Melville & Mary
completely over come ~~but~~ I left them all calm this morning
but what weary days & nights for them all especially when
John's family return to Birmingham & Lilly & Chadwick
to their home in Fausdale.

Mary & her family had moved to the Du Bose
place, next to Norwood, & Johnny went over every evening
to look after them & see if there was anything she
needed, how she will miss him! but I must not
dwell too long on our sorrow but thank you for your

letter which I appreciated as much & agree with
you in your sympathies, perhaps when the expected
correspondence will be pleased too, at any rate I hope
she will, just don't let any one tell her that news is
broken. She thinks a good deal for one of her age does she
she. No more trips to Europe - when Wren wants to go
again the family will have to stay with me, what do
you say?

I hope the cook appeared this morning of the day
you invited the Shurtz family, it would have been
too bad for you to have had to cook the dinner.
Your mention of the hyacinths reminds me, some of
my roses had large buds on them when the cold
change came, of course they have shrivelled up &
dropped off, but the bushes are putting out beauti-
fully, I wish you could have seen the beautiful
pale pink ~~garment~~ ^{garment} sent from Mobile by Maria
Vining, a double rose as it was, the top one a little

smaller than the bottom, they were tied with pale pink
illusions instead of ribbon. One of the floral designs
was an anchor over 2 feet long, that was from Ben &
Miss Dwyer of Demopolis, Ben knows who they are. A
white one admired by the children was the prettiest
thing of the kind I ever saw, lovely white roses &
cotton lilies.

When we reached home we found Rainbow had gone
on a wagon to Summerville to take down some wire he
had at the Harris place, his horse is still unfit for
him to ride but improving slowly.

I have not heard from either of the boys since I
wrote last to Ben. I am getting very anxious to hear
from Wade. Tell Louis' Grand Father that I little
lamb to pick about on the grass, he is very proud
of them. I can't write more now, please excuse imperfections,
with much love to all & kisses to Louis' law loving Mother.

as they have always done &
so well depicted by the Picture
of the "Arkansas Traveller".
You were too young to remember
my engraving of this scene.
Should I look at the Southerners
People here at a late hour in
an easy shuffling manner.
Never expect them to be necessary,
I like the good old App.
cut up out of dock, until
the rain or snow compel them
to bring it in. There is certainly
a charm about it all, as they
are very hospitable, & make
you at home. I said to
Papa a while ago. I can go
any time I please into the
Parlor or kitchen & help my
self to any thing I fancy, &
thing I could not do in my
old home. "Papa" keeps very

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certainly had a lot of friends
& got out a great deal, &
didn't much happen. I will
tell you three last little -
to me. Dear little Louise! has
interesting she must be, & now
I could give her a good hug.
She used to love to kiss me.
Smooth her hair & put powder
on her face. I have just finish-
ed embroidering a scarf for
my dear friend's land lady
Mrs. Lye. She is going to
the Hot Springs very soon.
As she has an abscess on her
ankle. So I suppose we will
have to send her when Nurse
Parker's interest account us to
follow her. Love to dear Ben
& give him a chance, also
a much kiss for Louise. Affec-
tionate me in very much love

13.
will - but Humbly wish &
we are anxious for Will &
his friends to come to it at
it be what they are going to
do, but the bad weather would
detain them. I am surprised
that Madam wish to you for
a loan. I thought you that
Betsy wish that the concert
not to be given him. Darling
what do you want me to make
you for yourself or the little
things. I think of you
continually & hope & pray you
may continue to be as well
& you seem to be here. I
must not tire yourself. &
take a little out of them every
day. when the weather -
permits. I am so glad again
will be able to visit you the

played all sorts of jokes on
him, but he was as
patient & happy as
could be so I was
satisfied. Mrs. Weston &
Lorrie are keeping him
for Miss Dr. Her parents
are anxious to have
my hand some. I am
is an anxious day but I will
not be able to go as I have
not my money yet, only
one very day does. I have not
heard the how Mrs. is how
any but just now.
I wish Mrs. was last letter,
you are all well. I am
writing as above. I am
so very about his son, mine
are feeling too, so much put
on them long at a time.

I am behind hand with my
letter this week, can't say exactly how it
happened, did not look at my letter list I
suppose. I feel as if I have done nothing but
write for the last week, so many letters to
answer & the usual ones to go to the boys.

I was very glad to have your letter, imagined
how cozy you three looked by the hall fire, I
am so glad I saw the house, can think how
you look in the different rooms, if the furniture
had been in I could make a very good picture
in my mind. It must have been a treat to
Lorrie to have the children when the weather
was so bad she could not go out, no wonder they

96. I had
better send
Ward's letter
right home
for Benben
will want
to have it
read.
you all don't freeze to death in that terribly
cold climate, I shiver at the thought of it.
I remember meeting Mrs. Tenholme & that poor,
frail, little baby, also must have come out
courageously to stand a snow storm. We thought
from the weather here that you must be having
a time of it. We expected snow ourselves but I
am thankful to say there was none, the
ground was hard frozen several mornings in
succession & the frosts have been like snow, one
of the coldest mornings I took off 12 little chickens
out of 18 eggs, now I am nursing them up, at
night the boy is in the kitchen & when the sun
comes out I make a little pen around them on
the kitchen porch & let the little ones run in it &
enjoy the sun. I think Lovie would be delighted
with them. I have 5 little new ones that

I was afraid to set out yet, as I put each one
in a little strawberry basket & nurse them pretty
much as I do the chickens, only I have them in
the chamber at night.

Since you have found the cause of Lovie's fever I
hope she will have no more. I thank you very much
for talking with Dr. Hayes about Benben's eyes, he
says the cause Dr. Thigpen did about medicine
& care of health but R. has taken no medicine
since he last saw Dr. Thigpen. I wish he could
visit you & consult Dr. Hayes but I think that
will be impossible. I have not seen Benben since
the day we went to the funeral services at Norwood
he left on a wagon for Lanesville before we
returned, did not take his overcoat & I have
been miserable about his being exposed to such
cold weather. Yesterday he asked Tom over the
telephone how his horse was, said he was very
well. The horse has improved very much, is getting
fleshy & your father is afraid he will kick him
when he puts in his feed. How & how Hattie have

been at the church today having the broken
window taken out & boxed for shipment.
Louise Garber came over yesterday & told me about
the wedding, the bride looked very well in a
white muslin with natural orange blossoms in
her hair, no veil, the groom she said looked better
than he ever did before. Neither were at all embar-
-assed; after congratulations a course dinner was
served to 20 persons, the relatives, Dr & Mrs Garber,
Mr & Mrs Spencer & 2 of the Davies girls who had
stayed so much with her at night since her
Mother died. The dinner was 8 courses, 1st oyster
cocktail, 2nd soup, 3rd meats, asparagus, turkey, stuffed
brunoise, vegetables of all sorts were broiled, 2 kinds
of wine. 4th a salad course. 5th Cakes & Charlotte,
6th Coffee & cigars, I have left out something but I
don't know what, any way they had a grand time
& the young couple left on the 4 o'clock train for
N. D. They all teased Mr Powell nearly to death,

Copied by Mrs. J. F. Adams

My darling Marie,

I have for a little while got through the business drudgery of my position here and tonight I want to give full play to my art feelings and no one in all the wide world can appreciate them like you, Angel of life and soul of my soul. I have since been giving myself to doing for others and God has paid me a thousandfold by giving me a princely foundation for a princely home. Like an eagle's nest it is perched upon a lofty crag where "I can sit at night and watch the breathless heavens and guess what star shall be my home when life and love become immortal". Bathing the marble feet of this lofty crag flows a beautiful river swarming with fish, flashing in the sun as it dances over the cascades, and flows in graceful majesty sweeping through the mountains and bearing fertility and beauty to the vallies. I enclose in this letter to you an outline drawing so that you may have some slight idea of its lines, but words are inadequate to tell of its lights and shadows, of its colors and tints, of its sapphire skies and blue mists and golden clouds.

Take the map and see how the Ozark Mountains push the river this way and that way into all sorts of beautiful curves and bends; and from Section 18 to Section 19 and up again to Section 17, then south east to Section 21 and on below, then from Section 18 look north and west to Section 8, 4, 6 and 5. At the east bend in Section 4 you will see the tunnel in black lines crossing Section 9 to south to the red line of Section 16 where it crosses the river. That tunnel would give a 100,000 Horse power if turned into electricity but the cost would be great. By tunnelling the narrowest portion of the neck we can have 20,000 H.P. at very little expense. The West Plains Road in red crosses the river from west to east and climbs a mountain road which is called the "Back Bone of the Bend". From river bank above to the bank of the river below is four miles but across the mountain it is only 400 yards rising nearly 600 feet in that distance and falls from a precipice that whole height to the river bank. Now look close from the north and south red line at Section 18 east to the black line on the side of Section 8 and you can see the east and west length of the Homestead, all inclosed by the river and inside the neck. At the junction of the two roads marked by double red lines is the very top of the mountain and from it you can see the whole surrounding country on every side, and all around the glittering flashing emerald serpent of a river to the north of you, to the sou of you and to the east and west of you. The hills are covered with cedars and oaks and walnut and hickory and other hard woods. I own in Section 8 where you see the figures 93 $\frac{3}{4}$ acres land, marked by a little H. Just north of the river you see 64. $\frac{41}{100}$ acres, and just east on the neck at section 18 I own the 3 plots marked--about in all 72 $\frac{1}{2}$ acres. Those are all in my homestead. What I wished Ben to get was the north east fractional quarter of Section 17. For his purposes it is ideal but to get possession for him I had to act quick. So I sent for and got you Uncle Ben Guerard to come and take it for me so that it can still be yours, if Ben and you wish it. About 60 feet above the river and in the face of the crag there is the opening to a large cave. It is a series of beautiful high chambers 30 feet long and opening one to the other by perfect arches for more than 300 feet. All this has been told me by men who have explored it. What times we will have! Bathing, fishing, and boating on the river, exploring the cave, climbing the hills, feeding the deer, tending the chickens, trapping the rabbits and quail, watching the golden pheasants and catching the wild turkey gobblers as they answer the call of my great white gobbler and come down to fight him.

While Ben raises his mushrooms in the caves, I am going to make preserves for all sorts of game and sell them in season and out of season to the hotels and restaurants of St. Louis and elsewhere. Our legislature has just passed a law to that effect. But enough of this, come and see the rest for yourself when you can. If Ben could come he might suggest what and where we could

From J. D. Robertson to M. R.D

Feb. 12, 1907

make preparations for his work for summer. Meantime if he will send me a copy of the elevation and working plans of his proposed house I might duplicate it here.

Your Mother has told me of your expectations and have my sympathy and congratulations. My prayers also, until the happy event comes off. Trust in God, and for the sake of the coming one be happy, be hopeful, and let no one and no thing disturb. Think of all that is true and beautiful and good, that the soul of the little stranger may be beautiful and good.

Love to Ben, Louise, and yourself. In all this your dear mother joins.

Your loving Daddy.

Mountain Home, Baxter Co, Ark. Feb 12, 1907

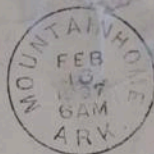
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RETURN IN FIVE DAYS TO

W. F. EATMAN,
CLERK, DAXTER COUNTY
MOUNTAIN HOME, ARK.



*W. F. Eatman
part of the letter*

*M^{rs} B. M. Duggar
809 Virginia Ave
Columbia
Boone Co
Missouri*

Now I guess today,
 it is always here people
 take Sunday for an
 extra rest but instead
 of a weekday; I don't
 know how many
 to have service but
 beautiful as was the day
 not a soul was at the
 church but your Father,
 they came over here & had
 the singing service. I was
 so glad to hear as I was
 not going to go to church.
 Here I serve for me, 7
 with the much love to
 you all
 your devoted
 Mother.
 1907.

This is a very quiet Sunday
 only the little birds are to be heard chirping
 their joy at the beautiful spring day. It is
 a pleasure to us, we surely need a fire but from
 force of habit I suppose, your Father is sitting
 close to the grate reading, has just finished
 his breakfast (11.30) I was to have written to
 you yesterday, had numbers of jobs too to do too
 but your Father proposed to go to Laneville &
 every thing was laid aside for the trip, as
 usual we did not reach there until 12
 o'clock, had only three & a half hours to stay,
 we surprised them but they gave us a hearty
 welcome. I was afraid sister Sally would be

bottomed adding to dinner at that late hour
but she said no, she would not add a thing,
when we washed in to dinner there was a
cold loaf of baked beef, a turkey, some of the
nicest calico I ever ate, baked tomatoes, quits
& sweet potatoes, Master Rich was at home &
liked turkey so much he must have the benefit
of it Saturday & Sunday. We who had been
living on gals, quits & turnips, did full justice to
the nice dinner & spice cake & preserves afterwards.
I was glad to find Sister Sally feeling, & looking
better, Mary's face is like a full moon, she says all
the flesh she gains goes to her face. We missed
seeing Decker he went over to Hammondale from
Theo's & came down on the 1 o'clock train, took
his horse from here, (must have walked from the
train) & went to Minnetonka I suppose. Fortunately
I wrote a note & fastened it to the house key

telling him where to find something to eat, we
always put the key where he can find it.
I do hope you too are having mild weather, &
below zero would kill us, & how the Durham
people can stand 20 degrees below zero I can't
imagine. We have been blessed in our mild
winter, the absence of continued rains & terrible
winds has been fully appreciated. Yesterday we went
in a trap nearly all the way. Rain has
almost with plovering. I saw some beautiful oats
yesterday. Tomorrow I will stay at home & finish
up jobs & next day go to Minnetonka to get a hat,
spend the night with Mrs. Wren, stop over at
Hamondale next day & go out to Norwood for a
day & nights visit. I promised Bessie to return
soon (when I left after the funeral) but have not
been able to go, getting to the train by nine
o'clock is the trouble. They say she bears up
wonderfully under her heavy affliction but it is a

and our household. I am glad you & Maria
thought to write to her, I know she will
appreciate your letter. John & family left some
time ago, & Mary has gone back to the Chadwick
place.

I have no news from Fred but the children sent
their usual Valentines. We saw by the paper that
Fred did go to Montgomery & make his speech as his
throat must have been much better, it was hard
weather for him to be out on such an errand.

Henry has not written to me for two weeks or
more, practices, work on the Cumberland place,
& his "girl," must be engrossing his time.

Tell Maria my 12 little chickens are growing nicely,
whenever I go out they all come running to be fed,
I know she would like to feed them. Next month
I will have some more to come off. Aunt Isabelle
has 50 already & has not started the incubator.

The birds & geese have a dinner given them at

Glossoms adhered to Feb. 12th, 1907 letter



To D, Columbia

Saturday, Knoxville

March 2nd 1907.

How pleasant it would be if I were
free enough to run in & spend this beautiful
day with my dear children, have some to talk
to me if Benie & Ken were busy, but it is a
sad fact I can only be with them in thought.
I am all alone today, the Dr left soon after
breakfast to see aunt Melville who has been
very unwell for some time & has written several
notes for prescriptions, he intended going to see
her ~~Friday~~ ^{Thursday} as he had a call news there to a
negro, but in the night rain began & kept up
all day, just poured down, every thing was
covered with water & the creeks were out so he
did not try to go even yesterday morning & will
be did not for in the afternoon we had creek

another down pour, as we only can have, I
think. This morning at breakfast time a telephone
message came for him to come up as soon as he
could, before he was ready a man came on horse
back with a long note from Lucy describing the case
& asking him to send medicines if he was unwilling
to send the creek, the man said it was not but
not deeper than his horse's knees, & was going
down, as your Father went along with him. I do
hope he will do something to relieve her but I fear
her condition is very bad. I don't like those spells of
shortness of breath, just such as your Uncle John
had, & those dreadful feelings in her head. She
tries to keep up & attend to her duties too much,
& is so dependent it makes it worse for her,
anxiously about every thing & every body!

I was glad to have your letter a day or so ago.
It is a great idea to have the Art exhibit & I

know you & Minnie enjoy it. I hope your ~~instructor~~
came as expected & relieved you of double duty. Tell
Lorice the little chickens are growing fast, except
week I will have some more, the 4 little lambs
too are growing, yesterday while it was raining we have
one came up the steps & stood on the front porch to
be out of the rain, ask her what she thinks of that?
Oh, how she would pick violet today if she were
here, the bushes are right full of them, the little
cows are doing well with grass around them. If your
lettuce had the benefit of our sunshine today it
would be helped along. Hope the work will be
satisfactory & will stay some time. Minnie has decided
to work another month, can be spared from the
field if she will "drop" some in lettuce seeds,
with early breakfast there will be two or three hours
in the morning & as much in the afternoon. It is
a great relief to me to have her longer. I think I
have written to you since my visit to Mrs. Wain

& to Hornwood. Sister Sally wrote me Mrs Wren
is very poorly, I don't think she can live long.
A wagon passed just now with Mrs Davies & her
little girls, they had been down to see the high
water, the last thing I would want to see -
Andrew has been with us some this week, more
courageous than your Father he went to Danville
yesterday morning, the snow from Aunt Philvill's
aid he reached there safely. I don't know how
much water he went through. I begged him not to
go, with no regular work he is not used, he would
like to get at some thing if he could. By the same
mail with this I will send the little box for
Lizzie, (registered mail) give it to her on her birth
day with ~~some~~ a kiss & wishes for many returns.
I have no news from any of the boys for you, with
much love to you all Your devoted Mother.
I expect Maria is beginning her spring sewing, surely I want them
to help make some pretty dresses for Lizzie.

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To D, U of Mo, Columbia

17 Montpelier.

March 3, 1907.

My Dear Mr. Dugger.
Just back from a
trip to Spain. I hasten
to answer your Christmas
card at hand. It took
2½ months to reach
Montpelier.

I am much pleased
to hear from you
especially that you are
safe at home.
As for me life is just
the same. The Balance
will occupy me a
number of years to come.

Last summer & fall
I abandoned my work
during 6 months. I was
compelled me to leave
Majorca, and to consult
a famous physician
in Göttingen, Germany
he treated me all that
time, but with little result.
I must be satisfied to
be as I am, I was born
an invalid, that is all.

My losses in California
sum up to about \$15,000
a trifling sum in compar-
ison with the suffering of
many of my friends.

I am thankful it is no worse.
Please give my best regards
to Mrs. Lagger and my little friends
and ~~do not~~ forget your friends
Herminie Broche

Columbus, Mo. To Mary Louise,
P.O. Box 6, 1893
Moundville, Ark.

My
Hi my God daughter
Wave Louise & tie
up her bonny brown hair
with Love & kisses from
Grand Mother. Potellman

things, & that I could help Brother Benny; & feel anyone
you will. I missed the service about him. At he had been
I could make a deal with some. His visit here convinced
for him if I had been back to his room with Rhinoma
Memphis & would love to do them. I truly hope Martin's,
Dr. "Papa" is in Chicago, where Conner had been a success-
ful & meeting of the Kim & he will be able to return
Kely Co; & Agnet & himself the money he borrowed...
are enjoying the evening. Reggie told me that Willie
together as he is staying at a Dong, will pay her monthly
the meatmen's Reggie told me 42.50 instead of the thirty.
Charlie did not come here at Reggie took a letter to him.
Papa wanted to meet him telling how hard up she was
in St Louis; I have not been without the boys help.
heard recently from my sister. I wish a miserable spec-

It alls
to be an object of
shame; when he is strong
& full, & sane; I hope you
won't neglect yourself in
entertaining friends; for you
are not strong, & must not
stand much on your feet.
A little exercise on your feet
in the open air is all right,
but a Roman must judge
for himself at such times.
I rejoice that you don't suffer
from nausea & indigestion.
God bless & keep you under
His care & love. *Yours devotedly*
Mary

Minimtown & expected him here
yesterday or last night but
he did not come. I wanted
him to talk with Mark,
and I was sure why he did
not come. These things of
kind are very sad. I think
he could not be so
near in Minimtown that he
might do some thing at last
if he did not try to do
out on too large a scale for
any. I was would be a
pleasure to begin with, but is
so high. I have seen them
that I have been going with,
just put out with ropes. Then
since the writing I am so
nervous. Most of the time I
sit with as I used to. I have
seen to you all, as he to our little
girl. You should be better.

My dear Love
I should have written yesterday
but we were enjoying a short visit from Fred,
he came over on the 1 o'clock train & left this
morning. Came Friday to Minimtown on the 1 o'clock
train, as he got off the car we got on. I went
up the evening before having heard Mrs. Wain
was not expected to live, your Father & Uncle
Ben went up on the morning's train to be at
the funeral, we all came back together on the
mid day train. My poor old friend died before
I reached there as I could not get off until the
4 o'clock train. How sad came very suddenly

she had been sick with grip but was better,
when suddenly seized with a paralytic stroke.
Wednesday evening, her suffering was great until
death came to her relief at 2 o'clock Thursday.
It was indeed a relief to her to be taken, her
life was so utterly miserable & she wanted to die,
Walter Sally & my self will miss our visits to her, we
always tried to give her some pleasure & to help her
along. The Christian family have taken possession
of her affairs "until the will is found" they
say. I fear she delayed too long making a will &
that things will not go as she wished; but to
return to Fred, he was looking well in spite
of the sickness he & every member of the
family had. All are well now but Mary Ann
she is weak & does not improve rapidly. She is so
delicate I fear she will not live to be grown.

They are looking forward to a trip to James town
& Washington this summer. Fanny wants to take
Dorothy, but Fred says if she does, she will not
leave him, so Mrs C. & Dorothy may be left at
home or sent to Columbus. I think it would be the
height of folly to take Dorothy on such a trip,
Elizabeth is too young I think. I told her Mrs C.
& Dorothy might come & stay with us.

Your letter was much enjoyed; the little ones must
have had a fine time at the party. I would like to
have had a peep at them, & Louise as hostess. I
am glad you all liked the choir. Tell Louise the
chickens are still growing, getting good wings & tails
& Thursday I took off 24 more, and only chickens. Sam
Hatten has another lamb too, a funny colored yellow,
with black legs & a spotted face, it is as curious looking
but as lively as can be. Mrs Harris preached for us
today, not more than a dozen people out although the
day was good, walking home without an umbrella.

the sun was hot. Mr Harris will give us a
service Easter Sunday afternoon. I told the ladies
we must muster up all the flowers we could
find & decorate the church. We have not had an
Easter service since Mr Barnwell was our
minister. If weather continues as spring like as today
we will have roses. I hope the cold spell did not
come before you & that your ~~flowers~~ ^{potatoes} would be put
out. You are a long way ahead of us, our garden
is not broken up the one row of peas I planted
were ~~drowned~~ out, so much water stood on the
ground, there is no drainage to that garden. Mrs
Powell has been in Danvers with Mrs Garber, &
Nan, both have been sick, but I think Miss Lane
returned today, her old gentleman must have had
a lovely time. I heard through Mr John Harris who
was in Lowell yesterday that "aunt Melville" is
better but Lucy is bed again. We saw Ruben in

Blossoms adhered to March 10th, 1907 letter



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To Marie, Columbia, Mo.
p.m. Thursday, Dec"Mountain Home" Bay to Astoria
Mauch 11th

My Darling Marie:

I send you
by mail two sewing the-
Mauch's pattern. I hope
you will be able to get some
one to make it up for you
it will be very pretty. I have
two a light green or pink
slip of some thin soft material
I can send you the material
if you wish. Find it in blue
and red. The labels here make
up three pairs like pattern
with five tucks on the shoulder
and down the back & then
the sleeves & neck with under-

Wrote to you
see the box
from Chicago
I hope you
will like it
I am well
I hate
you don't
dear
"Mamma"
with her spot, as for Louis
I think it will make up
pretty short sleeves & no neck
do you ever get a Roman to
come to the house & see for
you? I am having the
beautiful silk you sent me
made up at last & I will
enjoy the wearing of it, especial
ly if I go to the Hot Springs.
Darling you must excuse
my not writing more at
I am not feeling well this
morning. I must be tedious
& will take some Calomel.
Hope to see "Papa" safe & sound
tomorrow evening. I will

March 15, 1907
D. H. March 15, 1907



306 FIFTY-SIXTH STREET
CHICAGO

My dear Mrs. Duggar.
Your kind
letter should have been
answered sooner, but I had
a rather large company on
hands for last night, and
have been so busy getting
ready for that that I have
rather neglected other things.

It is lovely in you to ask
me to visit you, and I
had already said to Mr.
Barnes that I should
love to go with him, but

I am afraid I can not
manage it this time. I
have my girl just at present
and it is rather hard for
me to learn to come under
the circumstances. I should
like so much to see you
all. I remember with so
much pleasure the good
times we had together
in Vienna. I hope we
can have some more in
Brussels in 1910.

I suppose Marie Louise
has grown a lot since we
saw her. She was such a
dear little thing.

I envy Mr. Barnes with
the prospect of a pleasant

visit with you all. Thank you very much
for asking me to come with him. I hope
we shall see you in Chicago. We should
be so glad to have you all visit us.

With kindest regards to Mr. Dargatz, and
a kiss for Marie Louise, believe me

Sincerely yours -

Wm. W. Barnes.

March the fifteenth.

your all the week, the ant-
 has winter in her place
 but she is so much and
 idish I have to be with her
 all the time, she can't
 even make the fire so it
 will burn, but ~~more~~
 work the pots & dishes
 bring in water, coal &
 kindling & I suppose I
 must be thankful for
 that. I have not
 heard from Elmy or
 Wanda since I wrote
 you. It is surely
 time to find my
 chicks & I must stay
 much & love to you all
 & wish to hear
 from you soon.

There is a possibility of our spend-
 ing tomorrow with aunt Melville, so I must

write my letter this evening, it is a lovely day
 the grass so green, & the trees putting out as if
 winter is over, the Brazilian vines are high above
 the banisters & the roses are blooming, I brought
 in some pretty real violets this morning, I think
 we will have a nice little clearing for Easter, we
 will decorate the church as Mrs Harris will give
 us an afternoon service Easter day; we have not
 had an Easter service at our church since Mr
 Barnwell was our minister. I have usually gone
 to Fundale but it would be so sad to go there this
 Easter. I hope this good weather extends to your
 town & that there was no cold spell to kill your

early vegetables. I went to Miss Lord's yesterday to
send a telephone message, she took me in their
garden, two crops of peas in bloom, 2 more coming
on, nice lettuce & onions, beets up & other things
planted, she has the greatest quantity of onion
tormentor plants, it made me ashamed of our feeble
efforts at a garden, but I am pleased of her with
chickens, tell Louise I took off 27 more little chicks,
yesterday, have 49 in all. Out of those 2 settings
there was only one egg that did not hatch, was it
that good! Now if I care only raise the most of
them I will be so glad.

I wonder what you have all been doing this past week,
no more parties on hand I reckon, & Maria probably
busy striving to get through before warm weather.
Perhaps you are busy with your book at leisure times.
I had told you he had asked you & Maria to help
him with illustrations for his. I think I have written
you since he was here. Rebecca failed to meet him

because he was taken sick at the Newford
place, had a little attack of indigestion or bilious
ness I don't know which, he came down Monday,
was feeling very badly, stayed with us until Friday,
went up to Louisville. Yesterday evening Mrs
Hornegay was here looking for him, said she had
concluded she must leave a man in the business,
the work & strain is too much for her. She thought
she might make some arrangement with Rebecca,
wanted to see & talk with him at once, (she is
always in a hurry) I tried to get a telephone message
to him, & sent 2 postals, something ought to reach &
bring him down tomorrow. I think it would be a
good idea for him to get in with her for awhile, as
he would learn something of the dairy business, if
she should tire of it, he might carry it on on a
smaller scale. I never saw such energy as she has, she
told me she has 80 cows (not milking all) has set
out 5000 strawberry plants, I can't say how many
cabbages, & other things planted for the Danapolis

market. The nurse also gets 30 cts for all the butter
she can make but I must think she was "shooting
out of a long gun". Is it a pity, evidently she
takes Morphine, could scarcely keep her eyes open
during her visit. It is the strangest thing to me that
~~people will say that~~ so many do it these days. A
note from aunt Orville said she was feeling stronger
but Lucy was sick. I never heard of any thing like
the ailments in that family.

Oh, you must tell Louise the Auburn children sent
a little Scotch terrier they raised for grand papa, he
is the funniest little thing I ever saw, always
wiggling & jumping around, for 2 days I spent
most of the time watching him to keep the sheephead
who has grown very large, from fighting him, but the
little fellow was always the attacking party, would
jump up & slap the big dog like a cat, then they would
have it! He wants to stay around me so much it worries
me, so this evening I put him on the porch with your father
& told him he must keep him. My cook has been dropping

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I hope to hear from you & I know also if you have received the first fallible or I sent you to Paul. I want to know of the safe arrival before sending you my little "Eadie" offering. I hope to meet you are well & only busy entertaining & getting ready for your "Sea party." I fancy you are having very warm weather. It is like

Summer has hit the air it
clear & balmy & the "Mocking-
birds" are singing once again
to gladden my ears & bring
back to me fond but sad
recollections. We hope to spend
the "Month of April" at the
"Hot Springs" & "enjoy one good
bake the "Capers" a good hot
bake will I know do me
lots of good. for I am three
months. We hope to have
our Bungalows ready by June.
Already parties are going
down to the River to look at

these little "Premier". There is to
be at once a Sans Muee "cuckoo"
near us on the River. Where one
man has "mice" be used to find
mice & know that he mice?
but I am so afraid "Michael"
Ben or yourself, can be null.
at this summer. Did "Papa"
see you there seat a case
on our land. It will be
equal to an Ice house. For
storing provisions so we are going
down there for a day next
week. We don't expect to live
there. but "Papa" wants a place
to play & enjoy the poetry of life

while he is looking after his
mining interests. He is kept
busy all the time & keeps well
& strong. He joins me in thank-
ing the Gen. Squire & your kind
help. That Aggie written to you
how sick Lotte has been &
that she is much better now.
We are all very comfortable
& have a plenty of well cooked
food & good very warm
my blue belt waist is going
to be very pretty. It was like
last evening. It is hard to get
work done here as the sewing
machines are all mending up.
I am undertaking a visit for

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306 FIFTY-SIXTH STREET
CHICAGO

Sunday, March 24-

My dear Mrs. Duggar:-

I am once more at home as you will see by the above, and write to let you know of my safe arrival. In leaving Columbia I made connections; tho when, half way to Centralia, the engineer and fireman proceeded to crawl under the engine and begin to tinker with the excentrics, I thought it quite possible we should not arrive in season. The Alton train was nearly half an hour late, so there was plenty of lee-

way. We arrived in Chicago sharp on time, after a very comfortable and fast run. The train well deserves its sobriquet, "The Hammer".

I found a warm day awaiting me yesterday; but the thermometer only just passed 80°; and that felt better than 92°. This morning we waked with the air at 40°(!) after a sharp thundershower in the evening.

I have been recounting to Mrs. Barnes the pleasures of my visit with you and the many kind attentions I received at your hands. It seems to me that you and Mr. Duggar spared no

pains to make my stay delightful, and I cannot thank you too much for what was to me really a great treat. I am hoping, and in this hope Mrs. Barnes joins, that you and Mr. D. will find or make opportunity for visiting us in Chicago. We should be only too happy to have you in our home and to give some of our friends the pleasure of making your acquaintance.

Cordially yours,

Charles R. Barnes

Will you kindly hand the enclosed memorandum, made at his request, to Mr. Duggar. B.